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AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Presently Amended) A device for cleaning a powder coating booth,
with a first air distribution batten that is provided for the floor of the powder coating booth,
with a second air distribution batten that is provided for a side of the powder coating booth,
with a suction channel provided with a suction slot to suck excess powder out of the booth, wherein the ~~fist~~ first and the second air distribution battens are provided to blow excess powder in the direction of the suction slot, wherein the first air distribution batten comprises several batten subsections, and wherein each of the batten subsections can be activated independently of the other batten subsections.

2. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 1,
with a third air distribution batten that is provided for a second side of the powder coating booth, and
with a second suction channel provided with a suction slot,
wherein the third air distribution batten is provided to blow excess powder in the direction of the suction slot of the second suction channel.

3. (Presently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein ~~the first and/or~~ the second and/or the third air distribution batten consist of several batten subsections, through each of which air can be blown out independently of the others.

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4. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 3, with a control, by means of which the batten subsections can be individually controlled.

5. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 3, wherein two batten subsections lying opposite each other are always operated by means of a single valve.

6. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first and/or the second and/or the third air distribution batten are provided with several nozzles that are arranged in such a manner that the airstream produced by the nozzles is substantially oriented at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the air distribution batten.

7. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the nozzles of the first air distribution batten are arranged in such a manner that the airstream that can be produced by the nozzles is substantially oriented parallel to the floor.

8. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first air distribution batten is provided with nozzles on both sides of its longitudinal axis.

9. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first and/or the second and/or the third air distribution batten are provided with nozzles arranged in groups.

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10. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 1,
with a container for a reserve supply of compressed air that is connected with the air distribution battens.

11. (Original) A device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein the first and/or the second and/or the third air distribution batten extend substantially over the length of the floor in the powder coating booth.

12. (Presently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein the first and/or the second and/or the third air distribution batten are made of plastic material~~, preferably PVC, POM or Teflon~~.

13. (Presently Amended) A powder coating booth with cleaning device,
with a first air distribution batten that is arranged on the floor of the powder coating booth,
with a second air distribution batten that is arranged on a side of the powder coating booth, and
with a suction channel provided with a suction slot,
wherein the ~~fist~~ first and the second air distribution batten are provided to blow excess powder in the direction of the suction slot, wherein the first air distribution batten comprises several batten subsections, and wherein each of the batten subsections can be activated independently of the other batten subsections.

14. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, wherein the suction slot is situated between the side and the floor of the powder coating booth.

15. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, with a second suction channel provided with a suction slot, wherein the first and the second suction channel extend along the long side of the powder coating booth.

16. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, with an oblique surface that constitutes the transition between the side and the floor, and wherein the second and/or the third air distribution batten are arranged above the oblique surface.

17. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 16, wherein the oblique surface is provided with a bevelled edge in its lower region and the surface formed by the bevelled edge encloses an acute angle with the floor.

18. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 16, wherein the nozzles of the second and/or the third air distribution batten are oriented in such a manner that the airstream that can be produced by the nozzles is oriented substantially parallel to the oblique surface.

19. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, wherein the first air distribution batten is arranged at the centre of the floor of the powder coating booth.

20. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, wherein the second air distribution batten is integrated into a side wall of the powder coating booth and constitutes a flush surface therewith.

21. (Original) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, that is designed in such a manner that the airstream produced by the nozzles is smaller than the airstream sucked out of the booth.

22. (Presently Amended) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 13, wherein the first and/or the second suction channel is made of metal~~, preferable an alloy steel~~.

23. (New) A device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the first and/or the second and/or the third air distribution batten are made of at least one of PVC, POM or polytetrafluoroethylene.

24. (New) A powder coating booth in accordance with claim 22, wherein the first and/or the second suction channel is made of an alloy steel.